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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/6589,746   First Named Applicant: Esther Dabney

Examiner: W. Rankins   Art Unit: 3695   Status of Application: pending

Tentative Participants:

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(3)_____   (4)

Proposed Date of Interview: November 19, 2009   Proposed Time: 1:00 PM (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:
(1) [X] Telephonic   (2) [ ] Personal   (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [X] YES   [ ] NO
If yes, provide brief description: claims

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(3)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(4)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached   claims
[X] Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached
Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.
NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview
(see MPEP § 713.01).
This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this
interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b))
as soon as possible.

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Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature   Examiner/SPE Signature

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already extended end time upon receiving an additional bid after said end
time has been extended; and

allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before
listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders
after a listing expiration.

21-22. (canceled)

23. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer
system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from
users and responds by providing data over said network for display by said
requesting users, a method of performing computer based processes to
provide data over the network relating to online auction-style listings, the
method comprising:

maintaining a database of items available for auction-style listing;

receiving requests allowing sellers to specify whether items are to be
listed in said database as conditional or binding transactions;

in response to user requests received over the network, generating
and sending data over the network representing displays of (a) the
conditional or binding characteristic of an item listing, and (b) at least some
other information relating to the item; and

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receiving further requests representing offers to purchase the item over the network that lead to change in state of the ownership of the item; and

allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders after a listing expiration.

24. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from users and responds by providing at least data over said network for display by said requesting users, a method of providing online listings comprising:

maintaining at least one database of items listed for sale;

sending, over the network, data representing a user interface display of at least some of said items in a classified advertising listing format;

sending, over the network, data representing a user interface display of at least others of said items in an auction-style listing format; and

allowing sellers, through automatic interaction with the computer system, to select item listings and flexibly change selected item listings between said classified advertising and said auction-style listing formats; and

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allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before
listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders
after a listing expiration.

25. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer
system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from
users and responds by providing at least data over said network for display
by said requesting users, a method of providing online transaction services
comprising:

storing auction-style listings in a database;

allowing potential bidders to search through and request selective
display of at least some of said database contents via messages
exchanged over a network;

accepting bids from users and providing data representing at least
some information concerning said bids to corresponding sellers; and

allowing sellers whose items have been bid upon to use the network
to issue offers to sell items users have bid on while temporarily suspending
auction-style listings for predetermined durations, thereby preventing other
users from submitting bids on said suspended auction-style listings when
corresponding unaccepted offers to sell from sellers to users for said items
are outstanding; and

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allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before

listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders

after a listing expiration.

26-37. (canceled)

38. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer
system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from
users and responds by providing at least data over said network for display
by said requesting users, a method of providing online auction-style listing
services comprising:

storing information relating to items for sale auction-style in a
computer database;

scheduling auction-style listings and associated end times associated
with said listed items;

posting auction style listings on a web page for viewing by users, said
auction style listings soliciting competitive bids while concealing
predetermined prices the seller will accept to sell items;

receiving, from users over the network, competitive bids with respect
to said auction style listings; ~~and~~

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in response to a bid received before the end of an auction style

listing, allowing authorized sellers to accept bids and unilaterally end

auction-style listings before said end times; and

allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before

listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders

after a listing expiration.

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